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SUBJECT: IMS STUDY OF TURKISH CONCERNS: COMMUNICATIONS,

AIR DEFENSE OVERFLIGHTS, EXERCISES

REF: USNATO 3943

1. AT REQUEST OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR ERALP, ACTING SYG PANSAC CIRCULATED ON AUGUST 8 TO DPC PERMREPS IMS STUDY (REFTEL) ON TURKISH CONCERNS REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS, REGIONAL AIR DEFENSE, OVERFLIGHTS, AND EXERCISES. COVERING NOTE (TRANSMITTED BELOW) INDICATES THAT THIS REPORT AND ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL WILL BE ON DPC AGENDA IN SEPTEMBER. TEXT OF STUDY IS SAME AS ADVANCE COPY CONTAINED REFTEL, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE MC CHAIRMAN'S TRANSMITTAL NOTE REPORTED REFTEL.

2. ON AUGUST 12, AMBASSADOR ERALP CIRCULATED PRELIMINARY TURKISH COMMENTS (TRANSMITTED BELOW) URGING SPECIFIC STEPS TO MEET SOME OF THE TURKISH CONCERNS COVERED BY THE IMS STUDY.

3. COMMENT: OUR IS CONTACTS INDICATE THAT PANSAC HAS NOT REQUESTED MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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ON THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS AND COSTS OF IMS RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS AND AIR DEFENSE, WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE DPC CAN REACH DECISIONS ON HOW TO RESPOND TO TURKISH CONCERNS. WE COULD ATTEMPT TO SPEED UP CONSIDERATION

OF TURKISH PROBLEMS BY REQUESTING THIS INFORMATION BEFORE THE DPC MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, BUT WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD LEAVE SUCH INITIATIVE TO TURKS. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PO/75/93.

BEGIN TEXT

TO: PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (DPC)

FROM: ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

COMMUNICATIONS AND OVERFLIGHTS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

AT OUR PRIVATE MEETING ON 15TH MAY, WE DECIDED TO COMMISSION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF A REPORT ON THE FOUR CURRENT PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY, VIZ:

- COMMUNICATIONS
- REGIONAL AIR DEFENCE
- OVERFLIGHTS
- EXERCISES

THIS REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE AND IS CIRCULATED AS ANNEX.

2. CERTAIN FURTHER CLARIFICATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES. MOREOVER, SOME DELEGATIONS MAY FEEL THAT MORE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ABOUT THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS (AND COSTS) OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS AND AIR DEFENCE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PROBLEM OF PASSAGE THROUGH THE ATHENS FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION IS THE SUBJECT OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

3. IT IS MY INTENTION TO PLACE THIS REPORT, TOGETHER WITH ANY ADDITIONAL THEN AVAILABLE, ON AN AGENDA OF THE DPC IN SEPTEMBER.

(SIGNED) P. PANSA CEDRONIO

END TEXT.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM TURKISH AMBASSADOR ERALP COMMENTING ON IMS STUDY:

BEGIN TEXT:

MY DEAR PAOLO,

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE PO AND THE REPORT AT ITS ANNEX, I SHOULD LIKE TO TRANSMIT TO YOU SOME PRELIMINARY REMARKS OF MY AUTHORITIES ON THE REPORT'S MAIN POINTS WHICH THEY BELIEVE MAY HELP THE IMS TO FURTHER DEVELOP IT.

I THINK THAT ALTHOUGH THE REPORT DOES NOT DEAL WITH ALL THE POINTS I HAVE RAISED AT THE DPC MEETING ON APRIL 25, 1975, IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT IT CONTAINS VALUABLE INFORMATION ON THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION.

IT APPEARS THAT THE REPORT CANNOT BE EXAMINED WITH THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES IN DPC AT THE TIME BEING, SINCE WE ARE ALREADY IN THE "SLOW-DOWN" PERIOD OF COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES IN NATO. HOWEVER I HOPE THAT WE SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

THE REMARKS OF MY AUTHORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COMMUNICATIONS

THE PARAGRAPH CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATION LINKS SEEMS TO BE RATHER VAGUE AND INCONCLUSIVE.

THE PRESENT PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNICATION PROJECTS WERE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GREEK AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT ONE DAY GO AS FAR AS TO CUT ARBITRARILY NATO COMMON FUNDED COMMUNICATION LINES BETWEEN TURKEY AND MAJOR NATO COMMANDS AND THAT THE CATANIA-ANTALYA PROJECT, WHEN FINALIZED, WOULD ENSURE THE NECESSARY ALTERNATE ROUTING. BUT RECENT EXPERIENCE HAS REVEALED THAT THE ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH THE PRESENT PRIORITIES WERE BASED WERE NOT RELIABLE.

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FOR THIS REASON MY AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT SHAPE SHOULD BE DIRECTED BY THE DPC, TO REVIEW THE PRESENT PRIORITIES AND TO ADAPT IT TO THE NEW SITUATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TURKEY WITH AN UNINTERRUPTED AND FLEXIBLE LINK WITH NATO AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY THE IMS SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT ON THE REMEDIAL ACTIONS IT IS SUGGESTING.

AIR DEFENCE

THE AIR DEFENCE GAP CREATED BY GREECE'S REFUSAL TO PASS ON THE DATA OBTAINED THROUGH THE COMMON FUNDED RADARS LOCATED IN GREECE, IS EXPLAINED VERY PRECISELY IN THE IMS

REPORT. MY AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THE RELEVANT NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT EITHER OF THE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED BY THE IMS. AS AN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, MY AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT GREECE SHOULD BE FORMALLY INVITED BY NATO NOT TO DENY TO FORWARD TO THE APPROPRIATE NATO BODIES THE DATA COLLECTED BY THE NATO COMMON FUNDED INSTALLATIONS.

NATO MILITARY EXERCISES

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MY AUTHORITIES AGREE WITH THE IMS ASSESSMENT ON THE VALUE OF MILITARY EXERCISES AS CONTAINED IN THE PARA 14 OF THE MEMORANDUM THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT A MILITARY EXERCISE MUST BE AS REALISTIC AS POSSIBLE. BUT NATO AUTHORITIES AGREED, UPON THE REQUEST OF A COUNTRY WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE, TO EXCLUDE THE AEGEAN SEA FROM THE WINTEX-75 SCENARIO; THUS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF THE ARTIFICIALITIES IN THE EXERCISE. MY AUTHORITIES HAVE DIFFICULTY IN RECONCILING THIS COURSE OF ACTION WITH THE IMS VIEW ON THE VALUE OF REALISTIC EXERCISES.

MY AUTHORITIES DO NOT AGREE WITH THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE IMS IN PARA 17 OF THEIR REPORT, WHICH PASSES TOO GENERALIZED A JUDGEMENT BY ALLUDING TO AN UNCERTAINTY OF TURKEY'S PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE EXERCISES. AS I HAVE EXPLAINED DURING THE DPC MEETING ON 7TH MARCH 1975, TURKEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN WINTEX 75 NOT BECAUSE OF ONE COUNTRY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EXERCISE, BUT BECAUSE OF SOME DECISIONS WHICH RENDERED THE EXERCISE TOTALLY UNREALISTIC BY EXCLUDING THE AEGEAN SEA FROM THE SCENARIO. IN OTHER WORDS TURKEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIFIC EXERCISE FOR A SPECIFIC REASON AND THIS IS NOT AN ELEMENT WHICH JUSTIFIES DOUBTS TO BE CAST UPON TURKEY'S PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE EXERCISES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THEREFORE THAT THE IMS MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE REPORT WHICH WOULD CLARIFY THE ABOVE POINTS.

OVERFLIGHTS

THE PROBLEM OF THE AIR NAVIGATION OVER THE AEGEAN SEA IS PRESENTLY BEING DISCUSSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF TURKEY AND GREECE. ALTHOUGH WE WELCOME THE SUGGESTIONS BY THE IMS FOR NATIONS TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTIES TO REACH A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT, ONE CANNOT SAY HOW SOON AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED, IF AT ALL. FURTHERMORE THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH BASICALLY DEAL RATHER WITH THE CIVILIAN ASPECTS OF THE MATTER, CAN HARDLY SOLVE THE URGENT PROBLEM OF THE AIR DEFENCE GAP THAT NOW EXISTS OVER THE AEGEAN SEA.

MY AUTHORITIES SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT THE REVIEW OF NATO DEFENCE RESPONSIBILITIES OVER THE AEGEAN SEA SHOULD BE INITIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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